

What is claimed is:

1. A dentifrice composition comprising:
 - (1) from about 1% to about 50% by weight of a talc;
 - (2) a fluoride salt that provides from about 1ppm to about 3000ppm by weight of a fluoride ion;
 - (3) from about 5% to about 50% by weight of an abrasive polishing material; and
 - (4) from about 30% to about 90% of one or more aqueous carriers;wherein the dentifrice composition has a pH of about 8 or above at 25° C.
2. The dentifrice composition according to Claim 1 wherein the talc is selected from the group consisting of natural talcs, synthesized talcs, modified talcs, high purity hydrotalcites, and mixtures thereof.
3. The dentifrice composition according to Claim 2 wherein the talc is natural talc.
4. The dentifrice composition according to Claim 1 further comprising from about 0.1% to about 20% by weight of a chelating agent.
5. The dentifrice composition according to Claim 4 wherein the chelating agent is selected from the group consisting of phosphates, pyrophosphates, tripolyphosphates, citrates, carbonates, tartrates, acetates, diacetates, phytic acid, EDTA, EHDP, and mixtures thereof.
6. The dentifrice composition according to Claim 1, wherein the fluoride salt is selected from the group consisting of a sodium fluoride, aluminum fluoride, stannous fluoride, potassium fluoride, zinc fluoride, sodium fluorophosphates, and mixtures thereof.
7. The dentifrice composition according to Claim 6, wherein the fluoride salt is a sodium fluoride.
8. The dentifrice composition according to Claim 1 wherein the aqueous carriers are selected from the group consisting of thickeners, humectants, water, surfactants, titanium dioxide, coloring agents, flavor systems, sweeteners, and mixtures thereof.

9. The dentifrice composition according to claim 1 wherein the abrasive polishing material is a silica abrasive.